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EXERCISE LARES TEAM SEPTEMBER 13-17

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1. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT CONSIDERATION IS NOW
BEING GIVEN TO AN INVITATION TO GOS TO SEND THREE OR
FOUR SENIOR OFFICERS TO OBSERVE EXERCISE LARES TEAM
SEPTEMBER 13-17 WHICH WILL INVOLVE FIELD TRAINING
MANEUVER IN FRG WITH US, FRG AND CANADIAN TROOPS.

2. WE BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO TRY TO
COORDINATE A JOINT INVITATION TO THE SPANISH BY US,
FRG AND CANADA SINCE THIS WOULD BE CONSONANT WITH
EFFORTS WHICH WE ARE MAKING TO BROADEN RELATIONSHIP
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BETWEEN SPAIN AND INDIVIDUAL NATO COUNTRIES. EVEN

IF CANADA WERE NOT WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH
INVITATION, WE STILL THINK IT WOULD BE WORTH AN
EFFORT AT WORKING OUT A JOINT INVITATION BETWEEN
US AND FRG.

3. WE RECOGNIZE THAT TIME IS SOMEWHAT LIMITED
NOW AS EXERCISE WILL BEGIN SEPTEMBER 13. CONSEQUENTLY,
IF IT DOES NOT PROVE POSSIBLE WITHIN THE
EXISTING TIME PERIOD TO WORK OUT ANY FORM OF JOINT
INVITATION, THEN WE BELIEVE THAT THE INVITATION TO
THE SPANISH SHOULD BE ISSUED UNILATERALLY BY US. OUR
INFORMAL SOUNDINGS HERE GIVE US SOME REASON TO
BELIEVE THAT SPANISH WOULD BE RECEPTIVE TO AN
INVITATION TO ATTEND THIS EXERCISE.
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